

Claim 26, line 1 change "20" to read---23---
Claim 27, line 1 change "25" to read---23---
Claim 29, line 1 change "20" to read---29---
Claim 29, line 1 change "27" to read---26---

This should leave claims originally numbered 9, 10-17, 25, 26 and 30. These claims are now numbered 9-17 and 23-28. A clean copy of the claims after amendment is attached.

REMARKS

Applicant has attempted to maintain the new numbering for the claims proposed by the Examiner. The Examiner is correct, the claim currently numbered 23 is the same as claim 25 in the previous Amendment. The claim currently numbered 28 is the claim numbered 30 in the Amendment. Applicant encloses a clean set of the claims remaining in the Application using the numbers proposed by the Examiner.

Each of the matters raised in the Office Action having been addressed, reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
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1 ~~9~~. (Amended) A basin for receiving sewage and housing a pump therein, comprising:
a one-piece, molded basin body comprising: a generally cylindrical wall including an inner wall surface and an outer wall surface;
a closed bottom at a bottom portion of the cylindrical wall, the cylindrical wall terminating at a top portion of the basin body to define an open top; and
an annular collar projecting from the outer wall surface at a bottom portion thereof;
further comprising diametrically opposed recesses formed in the outer wall surface near a top portion thereof, the recesses facilitating handling of the basin during transport and installation.

2 ~~10~~. (Amended) A basin for receiving sewage and housing a pump therein, comprising:
a one-piece basin body comprising: a generally cylindrical wall including an inner wall surface and an outer wall surface, and an integral closed bottom at a bottom portion of the cylindrical wall, the cylindrical wall terminating at a top portion of the basin body to define an open top;

wherein diametrically opposed recesses are formed in the outer wall surface near a top portion thereof, the recesses facilitating handling of the basin during transport and installation.

3 ~~11~~. The basin of Claim ~~10~~², wherein the recesses project inwardly from the outer wall surface by at least 1.5 inches.

4 ~~12~~. The basin of Claim ~~10~~², wherein the generally cylindrical wall includes an inlet opening.

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13. The basin of Claim ⁴12, wherein the inlet opening is formed in an integral nub projecting from the outer surface of the generally cylindrical wall for connection to a sewage source line.

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14. The basin of Claim ⁵13, wherein the nub projects from a flat in the generally cylindrical wall outer surface.

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15. The basin of Claim ²10, wherein the basin body comprises integral annular ribs projecting from the outer wall surface.

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16. The basin of Claim ²10, wherein a lower section of the generally cylindrical wall is downwardly tapered.

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17. The basin of Claim ⁸16, wherein an upper section of the generally cylindrical wall is upwardly tapered.

18. (Cancelled) ✓

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

¹⁰ 23. (Amended) A sewage ejector assembly comprising:

a one-piece, molded basin for receiving sewage comprising a basin body, the basin body comprising a generally cylindrical wall including an inner wall surface and an outer wall surface and including annular ribs projecting from the outer wall surface, and an integral closed bottom at a bottom portion of the cylindrical wall, the cylindrical wall terminating at a top portion of the basin body to define an open top, a top portion of the generally cylindrical wall including a flat annular region the basin body; and

a top cover for covering the open top of the basin, an outer lower edge surface of the top cover being sealingly engageable with the first annular region of the basin, the basin body further comprising a raised annular edge circumferentially surrounding the flat annular region and outer edges of the edge of the top cover when engaged with the basin body;

wherein the top cover includes an outlet opening therein.

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24. (Amended) The assembly of Claim ¹⁰~~23~~, further comprising an outlet pipe for connection to a sewer line, the outlet pipe extending from a pump mounted in an interior of the basin and through the outlet opening in the top cover.

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25. (Amended) The assembly of Claim ¹⁰~~23~~, wherein the generally cylindrical wall includes an inlet opening.

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26. (Amended) The assembly of Claim ¹²~~25~~, wherein the inlet opening is formed in a nub projecting from the outer surface of the generally cylindrical wall for connection to a sewage source line.

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27. (Amended) The assembly of Claim ¹³~~26~~, wherein the nub projects from a flat in the generally cylindrical wall outer surface.

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28. (Amended) A sewage ejector assembly comprising:

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a one-piece, molded basin for receiving sewage comprising a basin body, the basin body comprising a generally cylindrical wall including an inner wall surface and an outer wall surface and including annular ribs projecting from the outer wall surface, and an integral closed bottom at a bottom portion of the cylindrical wall, the cylindrical wall terminating at a top portion of the basin body to define an open top, a top portion of the generally cylindrical wall including a flat annular region the basin body; and

a top cover for covering the top of the basin, an outer lower edge surface of the top cover being sealingly engageable with the first annular region of the basin, the basin body further comprising a raised annular edge circumferentially surrounding the flat annular region and outer edges of the edge of the top cover when engaged with the basin body;

wherein an integral annular collar projects from the outer wall surface at a bottom portion thereof adjacent the closed bottom, and diametrically opposed recesses are formed in the outer wall near the top portion thereof, the recesses facilitating handling of the basin during transport and installation.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)